



Minutes of Waste Hub Liaison Group

Thursday, 25th July 2019, 5.30pm,
Environmental Hub, Cledford Lane, Middlewich CW10 0JR

Present:

Paul Cassell, Local Representative	PC
Kevin Melling, MD, Ansa Environmental Services Ltd	KM
Jane Thomason, Deputy MD, Ansa Environmental Services Ltd	JT
Jonathan Williams, Town Clerk, Middlewich Town Council	JW
Cllr David Latham, Middlewich Town Council	DL
Cllr Mike Hunter, Cheshire East Ward Councillor	MH
Simon McGrory, Local Representative	SM
Megan Bowyer, PA to Kevin Melling, (Minutes)	MB

Apologies Received:

Helen Watkinson, Middlewich Town Council	HW
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Agenda Item	Notes	Action
1.	<p>Welcome KM declared the meeting open and chaired it throughout.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>2.1 The Minutes from the meeting on 6th June 19 were approved as accurate and correct.</p> <p>2.2 Matters Arising</p> <p>(i) Environmental Hub Planning Amendments – MB confirmed she had circulated copies of the email which gave details of the amendments recently submitted to the planning authority.</p>	
3	<p>3.1 Update on Waste Collection Re-routing and Reorganisation JT advised that the re-routing is now imminent. All agreed to give sufficient time to ensure it has bedded in without problem prior to announcing details widely. The main thing to note is that Ansa has listened to concerns and taken on board the comments from the liaison group in attempting to alleviate these problems.</p>	

3,2 KM provided several photographs showing work that had been carried out over the weekend replacing the **noise attenuation units** on the roof of the waste transfer station. The reason for replacement was to further reduce noise levels. This appears to be the case although official readings will be taken shortly to confirm this.

3.3 Vehicles parking on Cledford Lane prior to site opening at 7am. KM advised that planning permission does not permit Ansa to allow vehicles into the waste transfer station buildings before 7am but he is aware that some contractors' vehicles arrive earlier and then park on Cledford Lane. In order to help the situation, Ansa will allow vehicles arriving before the transfer station buildings are open to access the site and park alongside the waste transfer station until 7am. PC commented that although this will help avoid any vehicles parking outside of the site that Ansa should still work closely with hauliers to ensure that multiple vehicles are not attending site early. KM agreed that it was a fine balancing act and that Ansa will continue to issue frequent reminders to contractors advising them not to arrive until 7am.

3.4 Parking on site. On-site parking during peak periods has reached capacity and in order to prevent parking in the community and side roads and to reduce the number of vehicles along the canalside frontage he would like to approach CEC for temporary permission for Ansa to use the space belonging to the council on the eastern boundary of the site near Faulkner Road. (The problem is likely to improve in November when a large proportion of employees will be changing their working patterns to four days).

Before doing so he wished to obtain views from CLG members. A discussion took place and it was agreed that if the outcome was as stated above then there were no objections and the proposal would be fully supported. MH asked to be copied in on correspondence with CEC.

3.5 Boundary Planting. All agreed that the trees are providing more cover at the moment, although during winter this may not still be the case. KM advised that shrub planting will commence in November 19, however in the meantime he will go back to CEC and request additional fencing and green screening/netting to be made available to create a better screen between the site and Booths Lane boundary. **Action KM**

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Future Community Engagement

KM advised that Ansa would like to work with the group to plan events and activities where the company could assist the local community. He mentioned that a scheme encouraging employees to volunteer for local events is to be launched shortly and also that many employees are already participating in local events e.g. FAB event, recent Fun run. Ansa is also involved with local schools in promoting information about recycling.

Several potential activities were mentioned including:

- 1) Planting and improving gateways into the town;
- 2) Assisting with transport for future FAB festivals;
- 3) Working in partnership with Middlewich TC re a family fun day in Fountain Fields incorporating the new bandstand;

	<p>4) Sponsoring roundabouts in particular the ones on Centurion way (Cow Estate) and Hayhurst Ave.</p> <p>It was agreed that all group members would submit ideas initially to JW who would then share with MB. The subject will also be raised at Middlewich Town Council External Committee Meeting on 15th August. Action ALL to consider ideas for community support by Ansa and feedback via JW</p> <p>The aim will be to have a series of events and activities in the calendar which Ansa can support throughout the year.</p>	ALL
5	<p>Middlewich Community Issues</p> <p>FAB bins – DL thanked Ansa for providing great support for the FAB event; unfortunately some of the bins provided had maggots and/or residual debris in them. JT thanked him for bringing this to our attention and stated that the usual procedure is that the bins are power washed prior to re-use. She will re-inforce this to employees.</p> <p>Speeding Trucks – DL advised that this continues to be an issue which is raised by local residents. JT re-iterated that if details of the time and vehicle number are provided Ansa will always investigate and take appropriate action. It is hoped that the re-routing work will help to resolve the issue.</p> <p>Parking- DL discussed parking on Cledford Lane on the pavement on the other side of the double yellow lines. As stated at the last meeting, this is an enforcement issue for Highways to resolve. However in order to try to help move things forward KM agreed that he would contact the duty liaison officer at Cheshire East Council to report the issue and ask if they can take action as appropriate. Action KM</p>	KM
6	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>6.1 Group Meeting Frequency – after discussion it was agreed that the aim would be to reduce the frequency from bi-monthly to quarterly with effect from 2020. Meetings will continue as bi-monthly this year in September, November and the first one in the new year will be scheduled for January. Following review at that time the plan will be to hold quarterly thereafter.</p> <p>6.2 Concerns re the Recent Planning Applications – PC advised that as community representative, with the knowledge he’d acquired from the group meetings, he had recently been able to reassure users of the ‘We live near Booth Lane’ Facebook group that Ansa’s planning applications had been for minor internal works and nothing major or sinister as they had feared initially.</p> <p>.</p>	

The meeting closed at 18.35. Next Meeting to be held on 26th September 2019.